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JOANNA I. JOHNSON  
CHAIR



Michigan  
Transportation Asset  
Management Council

March 20, 2020

Public Act 51 Agencies, Regional and Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Michigan Department of Transportation

**RE: 2020 Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) Training, Data Collection, 2020 Spring Asset Management Conference and TAMC Awards**

Dear Transportation Agency Partners,

On behalf of the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) and in accordance with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' [recommendations designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#), all on-site PASER training scheduled before May 14, 2020 has been cancelled. There will also not be PASER certification exams offered for the remainder of 2020 trainings. Furthermore, due to directives related to the recommendations preventing the spread of COVID 19, Federal Aid PASER data collection cannot begin until travel restrictions for State of Michigan employees has been lifted. At this time, the target date for these restrictions to be lifted is May 14, 2020.

To assist Public Act 51 Agencies, Regional and Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the TAMC has established the following, one-time contingencies to administer PASER data collection for the 2020 condensed data collection season:

- Anyone who HAS attended PASER training in 2019 is eligible to participate in the Federal Aid PASER data collection in 2020; anyone that was PASER certified in 2019 is also eligible to participate in Federal Aid PASER data collection in 2020.
- Anyone who HAS NOT attended PASER training in 2019 or was not certified in 2019 must attend training in 2020 to be eligible to participate in the Federal Aid PASER data collection in 2020.

PASER training is provided by the Center for Technology and Training (CTT) at Michigan Technological University (MTU). CTT is working to schedule 3 on-site trainings for the first few weeks of June. These sessions will be full-day events designed for first-time PASER training attendees. Due to space constraints, first-time attendees will be given priority for seats over those that have been trained in previous years. CTT will be sending out training announcements for these rescheduled dates as soon as they are available.

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The TAMC Spring Asset Management Conference scheduled for May 13 in Grand Rapids has been canceled. TAMC continues to work towards rescheduling this event after June 1. More information will be announced as details and arrangements emerge. Also, TAMC has extended the deadline for 2020 TAMC award nominations. Due to these circumstances, TAMC will accept nominations up to May 22, 2020.

The state is taking proactive steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Michigan. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in reducing the coronavirus risk to Michigan residents.

For current and up-to-date information regarding the Coronavirus visit <http://www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus> or <http://www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus>.

Questions regarding these 2020 policy contingencies and other announcements can be directed to Roger Belknap, TAMC Coordinator by calling (517) 230-8192 or by email [BelknapR@michigan.gov](mailto:BelknapR@michigan.gov). Questions related to PASER training scheduling, locations and registrations can be directed to CTT at (906) 487-2102 or [ctt@mtu.edu](mailto:ctt@mtu.edu). To learn more about TAMC and to access road and bridge condition data and maps, visit [www.Michigan.gov/tamc](http://www.Michigan.gov/tamc).

Thank you in advance for all your efforts and patience as we collectively navigate these circumstances. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter and your public service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joanna I. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joanna" being more prominent and the last name "Johnson" following in a similar style.

Joanna I. Johnson, Chair  
CC: TAMC Members and Member Agencies